

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY ECLEG APR17'13 AM11:02

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 25TH, 2013 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 25th day of April, 2013 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Paul Leuchner grew up on the waterfront of eastern Long Island, where he married his high school sweetheart Linda, and relocated to Grand Island with their daughter Lisa; and

WHEREAS, Paul Leuchner worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District Office and moved up through the organization, eventually becoming the Chief of the Regulatory Branch, a position he held until his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Paul Leuchner was directly responsible for the Department of the Army water resource regulatory mission in the eastern Great Lakes basin, and personally managed the environmental evaluation of a variety of complex multimillion dollar industrial and commercial projects; and

WHEREAS, Paul Leuchner organized the team of business and government interest that became the driving force for the restoration of Strawberry Island, while developing the conceptual plan for the restoration of the East River Marsh in Beaver Island State Park, and pushed for the purchase of Motor Island, which was officially designated a Wildlife Management Area; and.

WHEREAS, Paul Leuchner was twice awarded the Department of Army Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, was the recipient of the Buffalo Federal Executive Board John E. Foley Community Service Award, and has been formally recognized by various local and national environmental organizations, as well as the United States Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Paul Leuchner was appointed to the Niagara River Greenway Commission in 2005, and assisted in drafting the Niagara River Greenway Plan, founded the Paddles Up Niagara event, arranged for the installation of a handicapped accessible canoe and kayak launch at the East River Marina, and worked to established the new Spaulding Tail in Beaver Island State Park; and

WHEREAS, Paul Leuchner is a past member of Long Island's Stony Brook Volunteer Fire Department and the Grand Island Fire Company, has served on the board of the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation and the Town of Grand Island Traffic Safety Advisory Board, and is actively involved in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels and the Grand Island Conservation Commission

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature applauds **Paul Leuchner** on being awarded the 2012 Civic Person of the Year by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, and for his dedication to the Town of Grand Island and the waterfront development of the community.

Kevin R. Hardwick.
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County